

Holy Cross Catholic Church



*There are different ministries,
but the same Lord.
You then are the Body of Christ.
Everyone of you is a member of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Psalm 85:8

*Show us Lord, your
love; and grant us
your salvation.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Nov 28

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Nov 29

9am- Mass
5:30pm- Confirmation Class
7pm- OCIA

Wed Nov 30

9am- Mass

Thu Dec 1

9am- Mass
9:45- Grandparenting with Grace
6:30pm- Screwtape Letters

Fri Dec 2-Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Dec 3

1pm- Legion of Mary
3-4pm- Confession
5pm- Mass

Sun Dec 4

8am- Mass
9:15am- Faith Formation
11am- Mass followed by Rosary

Mass Intentions

Email the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

11/26	Available
11/27	8am- People of the Parish 11am- Available
11/28 to 12/4	Available

Next Sunday's Readings Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

He shall judge the poor with justice.

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Romans 15:4-9

Christ saves everyone.

Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!

Reflection

“Staying awake” means remaining attentive to how small choices build into robust lives of faith. It means cultivating awareness of God’s ongoing presence in the mundane realities of our lives. It means turning our attention toward the things that really matter and turning away from things that are distracting. Advent might be an invitation to shake off the stupor of binge watching and social media scrolling and to enter into the fully vibrant lives that God wants for us.

The Holy Thief

It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.

We are often urged to be “woke,” a term derived from the civil rights movement. Being woke means being alert to the hidden prejudices that haunt our language and shape how we see the world. This is good, but the danger is that we may sniff out microaggressions everywhere, small slights and snubs that were never intended, and it becomes hard for us to be at ease with each other.

To be “awake” as a Christian means, in the words of Isaiah, to “walk in the light of the Lord.” We become alert to the tiniest hints of the divine presence. The holy thief breaks into our lives quietly, the barely audible click of a door, the softest padding of feet. God steals into our lives in an unexpected stranger’s generosity, a smile that is pure gift. Be alert!

Then we shall dare to look with naked eyes at the threats that menace the survival of humanity: ecological catastrophe, war, even nuclear bombs for the first time since my youth. We will not dull our senses like those who ignored the coming Flood (Genesis 6–9), because we have glimpsed the one who comes.

Whenever I have gone to war zones, to Iraq or Syria for example, I have always returned more hopeful, for there I meet brothers and sisters who look death in the face and yet are joyful. God stealing in.

Fr. Timothy Radcliffe

Timothy Radcliffe, OP, is former master general of the Order of Preachers and author of Stations of the Cross (with art by Martin Erspamer, OSB) as well as Alive in God: A Christian Imagination.

On the Way Home from Mass...

What did you notice in the church environment today?



At Holy Cross

Faith Formation Classes

Nov 27	NO CLASS	
Dec 4	K-5	Family Session
	Gr. 6-12	Classrooms

New families, info online: holycrossalaska.net/formation

OCIA/RCIA: Sacraments for Adults

To learn more about the faith, or receive sacraments as an adult, meets Tuesdays at 7pm. Call Deacon Sandon: 947-9168



Poinsettia Time

Poinsettia season is here! Art & Environment members will sell coupons @ \$12.00 each for Bell's Nursery poinsettia 4-inch potted plants. These **poinsettias**

are reasonable. With the profits we decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Purchase the coupons early! Decorate your homes and offices, give as gifts, or you may donate funds for the Holy Cross altar plants. Coupons will go on sale after all Masses or call Marilyn Kerr at 907-441-3082. Visit either Bell's store to choose your plants.

Forming a Library

Volunteer Team

We're looking for 2 additional part-time volunteers to help maintain our library. Contact Debbie at 952-1879.



Eucharistic Miracles on the Red Bulletin Board

This week's Eucharistic Revival bulletin board features miracles from Austria that occurred in the 1300-1400s. For more info, visit miracolieucaistici.org or take one of the flyers home to read.



Giving Tree

Two Confirmation students, Joseph Salao and Lora Rivera, are hosting the Giving Tree as their service project. The collection begins on Nov. 26 and all donations are due by Dec. 18. Take the desired amount of gift tags and return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached by December 18. They will be collecting items for Brother Francis Shelter, Clare House, and the Covenant House. Thank you



Archdiocesan Events

Advent with the Archbishop

The Archbishop is having Advent/Christmas Receptions in December. This is an opportunity for people to come have some refreshments and talk with Archbishop Bellisario, C.M. Please join us and start your Advent Season off with some holiday fun.

- Dec 6, 4-7pm at the Co-Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Juneau.
- Dec 9, 4-7pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Anchorage

Bring a can of food and we will deliver it to one of the local food banks.



Ministry Schedule for next week (Dec 3/4)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Olivia Maglaqui Joseph Salao	Cheryl Chapman Deb Seidl	Julie Spradling	Maglaqui Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	N/A	Joe and Rose Webb	Jason Hlasny Eilisa Maes	Ron Reinhardt	Henry Maes Dora Castillo
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	N/A	Nikylla and Nathan Marcelino	Michelangelo Canale	Mercy Acheson	Gallo Family

**2022 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report
As of October 31, 2022**

Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross	\$	40,620	
Parish Goal for Holy Cross **	\$	58,620	\$ 18,000 Last 3 Yr Rebate Avg
Total Pledged	\$	50,100	123.3% of Diocesan Goal 85.5% of Parish Goal
Number of Pledges	\$	73	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$	9,480	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$	(8,520)	
Total Pledged Paid	\$	45,650	
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$	4,450	
Total Rebate * for Holy Cross	\$	5,030	

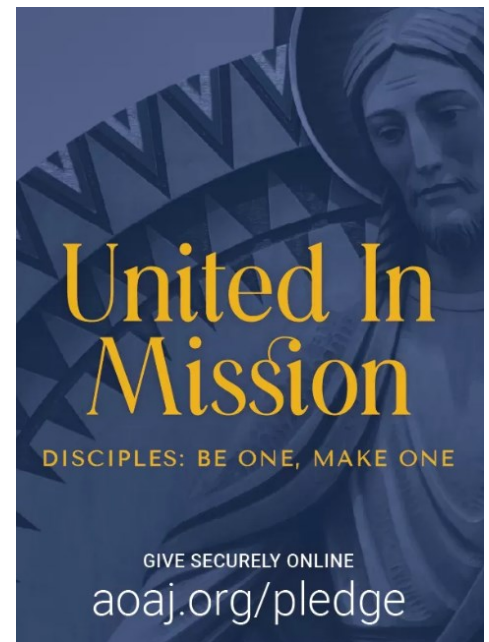
* The rebate is the paid portion of the "Total Pledged Over Goal" amount. This rebate is not considered ordinary revenue like weekly collections or online giving and thus, the rebate amount is not assessed or taxed at 16.7% by the Archdiocese. Therefore, the rebate is not assessed or taxed and thus, the rebate paid in full (100%) to Holy Cross.

** Please note that the total rebate amounts for the past three years (FY20-FY22) has averaged \$18,000 per year. In order to meet the \$18,000 average rebate for this year (2022), Holy Cross would need to collect more pledges to increase the "Total Pledged" amount to \$58,620.

Donations can be made through December 31, 2022. There are 2 ways to make a donation.

1) Go online to www.aoaj.org/appeal to make a secured donation or 2) place your donation (check or cash) in an United in Mission envelope at the church and give it to Fr. Pat. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the Archdiocese of Anchorage/Juneau. Also, please indicate when making your donation that you are affiliated with Holy Cross.

Thank you for donating and sharing your treasure to the 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal.



First Sunday of Advent



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Catholic Social Services Announcements

This Holiday season, there are many ways to support our neighbors in need, such as donating to program-specific Wish Lists, supporting local families, and volunteering your time.

[Helping Holidays connects the Anchorage community to Catholic Social Services clients. This program provides gifts for specific families in need by connecting donors like you with families receiving case management support from Catholic Social Services.](#)

Christmas Gifts for guests at Brother Francis Shelter

We need Christmas gifts for our BFS guests! Donate new jackets and hoodies for guests to open on Christmas Day. Our goal is 120 new coats or sweatshirts for guests to open on Christmas morning. Please drop off at our Main Center at [3710 E 20th Ave.](#)

Complex Care Christmas Decorations

Complex Care is in need of holiday decorations! CSS is collecting Christmas lights, wreaths, garland, and window decorations to help make Complex Care a winter wonderland! Please drop off decorations at our Main Center at [3710 E 20th Ave.](#)

Volunteer Opportunities!

Donating Dinners

The Strengthening Families classes begin with a family meal and we would love to share your favorite dish! Volunteers can sign up to bring a main dish, salad, bread, or dessert. If you would like to help supply an item for dinner, please sign up on this link: [Catholic Social Services: Strengthening Families Dinner \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

Youth Mentors

Are you interested in supporting refugee youth? RAIS is seeking adults who will be a mentor to refugees ages 15-24 who are looking to develop their academic skills and advance their career goals. This position requires weekly contact with the mentees. Many of our youth are living in the Wasilla and Palmer area.

In-Kind Donation Needs

Brother Francis Shelter: donations can be delivered to [1021 E 3rd Ave,](#) Anchorage 7 days a week from 9am-7pm
Twin Sheets, Blankets, Towels, Warm Winter clothing, Men's clothing- 3x-5x



Clare House: donations can be dropped off at [4110 Spenard Rd, Anchorage](#) 7 days a week, 10am-6pm
Toilet paper, Paper towel, Dish soap, Laundry detergent

RAIS: Donations can be dropped off at 3710 E 20th AVE, Anchorage Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm
new or gently-used winter coats for adults and children, new or gently-used comforter blankets (twin and queen sizes)

Come work with us at CSS!

St. Francis House Food Pantry

St. Francis House food pantry is looking for an assistant to join our team! We need a hard-working person who enjoys an active job and cares about making a difference in our community. If that's you, please come help us keep an orderly warehouse and get food boxes out to our neighbors that need it most. Please apply at <https://www.cssalaska.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>

Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) is a case management program for homeless, or at-risk for homelessness, Veterans and their families. SSVF Case Managers will assist you with identifying and addressing barriers, increasing self-sufficiency, and securing permanent housing. We work closely with the VA and other community service providers to ensure that our clients are connected with any and all resources available to them. We serve Veterans in the Anchorage Municipality and in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services

During they last fiscal year, the RAIS program enrolled 502 new clients! The RAIS program has continued to grow to meet the needs of the clients. There are current positions open for education and employment specialist, and case managers.

To see all of our current job openings, visit <https://www.cssalaska.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>



Priesthood Discernment **RETREAT**



ARCHDIOCESE OF
ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

DECEMBER 9TH & 10TH

18 YEARS AND OLDER



COST \$20



Register at stcak.com, or call or text Rudy at (907) 232-2066

This retreat will include talks from local priests addressing their calls, living the priesthood, prayer, delicious food, Mass, Reconciliation, and fellowship. Any man interested in learning more about the priesthood is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Fr. Arthur Roraff at (907) 694-2170 or frarthur@roraff.com.

RETREAT TAKES PLACE AT ST. THERESE'S CAMP
7180 TWIN LAKES DR, WASILLA, AK 99654



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Cross

Director of Faith Formation

The current Director of Faith Formation, Anna Schulten, is leaving in May 2023 (read her letter to the parish on the website: holycrossalaska.net/apply). Applications are now being accepted for her successor.

The Director of Faith Formation is responsible for the development, supervision and coordination of all evangelization programs in the parish, ensuring that the mission and vision of missionary discipleship is fulfilled, with a particular focus on the parish's children, youth and young adults. He/she is responsible to coordinate the recruitment, training, support and appreciation of ministry catechists. The Director of Faith Formation reports directly to the Pastor. This is a full-time paid position. Download the description at holycrossalaska.net/apply

To apply, and for more information, contact Fr. Pat Travers at pjtravers@att.net.

Holy Spirit Center

Director

The Director is responsible for directing the overall operations of Catholic Retreat House Ministries, Inc. (Holy Spirit Center). Learn more at aoaj.org/jobs.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Pastoral Associate for Stewardship & Communications

Contact Kate Bazin at Kate@akseas.net.

Part-Time Youth Minister

Contact Theresa Austin at Theresa@akaseas.net.

At the Chancery

Accounting Associate

To provide the Accounting Staff with a high level of accounting assistance with the main focus being GL & Bank Reconciliations, Pre-posting accuracy reviews, daily desktop deposits, customer statements, and general Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau Finance Office daily functions.

Comptroller

This position reports to the Chief Finance Officer and is responsible for the overall quality of accounting and financial reporting of all general ledgers maintained by the Finance Department of the Archdiocese.

Learn more about all these employment opportunities at aoaj.org/jobs

ADVENT ENRICHMENT

Pick up a copy of the "Little Blue Book" in the foyer this weekend

Each day of this daily devotional includes a 6-minute reflection to help you dive deeper into your Advent journey and prepare your hearts and homes for Christmas.

These books are free to you and available to all parishioners because of a generous donor. Thank you!

The Word Among Us December edition is in shipping and will hopefully be available next week. Toward the end of next month, the Catholic Extension wall calendars will also be available for parishioners!

Save the Dates

Immaculate Conception

December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be offered at 9am and 7pm.

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament will be offered during all Masses the weekend of December 10 & 11. For an alternate time, please contact the office or one of the priests.

Advent Reconciliation Service

The service will be held on December 14 at 6:30pm.

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

Altar Servers- Jess Manaos: 230-9418
 Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
 Bereavement & Baked Goods- Joan Karcz: 344-0168
 Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
 Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852
 Faith Formation- Anna Schulten: 306-9363
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 Parish Nurse Program- Deb Siedl: 301-4180
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 Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
 Lawn & Garden- Kirsten Hoppe: 227-7871
 Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
 Library- Debi Wickler: 952-1879
 Liturgical Ministries Coordinator- Julie Thomas: 538-1109
 Livestream- John Roberts
 Music Ministry- Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
 Prayer Chain- Joan Gillis: 346-3147
 Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
 OCIA- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
 Sacristan- Matthew Williams: 632-4252
 Snow Plowing- Vince Garrouette: 522-3647
 Youth / Young Adult Ministry- Anna Schulten: 306-9363

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Financial Corner

TITHING UPDATE

How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	7,077
Weekly Tithing Period:		11/14-20/2022
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,576
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-
Online Giving:	\$	3,164
Total:	\$	7,740
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	663
Actual vs. Goal (%):		109.4%

Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period

FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 10/31/2022	
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	33.3%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	397,600
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	129,646
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	132,533
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(2,887)
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		97.8%

Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period

FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 10/31/2022		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	77,290	59.6%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	210	0.2%
Online Giving:	\$	52,146	40.2%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Total:	\$	129,646	100.0%



Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit holycrossalaska.net/give

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